

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Specification has been amended to include SEQ ID NO entries for each disclosed sequence.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants submit a Sequence Listing that complies with the sequence rules, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 - 1.825.

The undersigned hereby states that the content of the attached papers and the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

A copy of the *Notice to Comply* is attached hereto as required by United States Patent Office rules governing gene sequences.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned representative so that prosecution may be expedited.

In the unlikely event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required as a result of this statement, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due to our **Deposit account no. 03-1952** referenced Docket No. **500862000700**. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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